

# Division of Veterans Services

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## Historical Summary

<b>OPERATING BUDGET</b>	<b>FY 2003 Total App</b>	<b>FY 2003 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2004 Approp</b>	<b>FY 2005 Request</b>	<b>FY 2005 Gov Rec</b>
<b>BY FUND CATEGORY</b>					
General	1,992,400	1,289,300	2,085,000	2,039,600	2,054,700
Dedicated	7,418,800	6,954,300	9,733,200	10,362,200	10,357,600
Federal	6,690,300	8,975,300	4,964,600	4,860,100	4,900,300
<b>Total:</b>	<b>16,101,500</b>	<b>17,218,900</b>	<b>16,782,800</b>	<b>17,261,900</b>	<b>17,312,600</b>
Percent Change:		6.9%	(2.5%)	2.9%	3.2%
<b>BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE</b>					
Personnel Costs	0	11,392,300	0	0	0
Operating Expenditures	0	5,707,500	0	0	0
Capital Outlay	0	54,900	0	0	0
Trustee/Benefit	0	34,200	0	0	0
Lump Sum	16,101,500	30,000	16,782,800	17,261,900	17,312,600
<b>Total:</b>	<b>16,101,500</b>	<b>17,218,900</b>	<b>16,782,800</b>	<b>17,261,900</b>	<b>17,312,600</b>
Full-Time Positions (FTP)	298.32	298.32	305.32	305.32	305.32

## Division Description

The Division of Veteran's Services has the responsibility to provide care and extend financial assistance to disabled and destitute Idaho wartime veterans and their dependents. Services include: managing and operating the Veteran's Homes that include 268 nursing care and 36 residential care and domiciliary beds; maintaining a Veteran's Service Office to assist veterans and their families in obtaining federal benefits to which they are entitled (this office is located at 805 W. Franklin Street, Boise, in space furnished by the Veteran's Administration); and extending emergency financial assistance to disabled or destitute veterans and their families.

The Idaho State Veterans Cemetery has the mission to inter eligible veterans and their dependents, to appropriately mark and record gravesites, and to maintain the cemetery as a place of honor for veterans as well as a place of remembrance and reflection for the citizens of Idaho. The cemetery is currently under construction with a July 2004 projected dedication date.

The Division of Veteran's Services was transferred from the Department of Health and Welfare to the Department of Self-Governing Agencies in fiscal year 2001.

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## Comparative Summary

Decision Unit	Agency Request			Governor's Rec		
	FTP	General	Total	FTP	General	Total
<b>FY 2004 Original Appropriation</b>	<b>305.32</b>	<b>2,085,000</b>	<b>16,782,800</b>	<b>305.32</b>	<b>2,085,000</b>	<b>16,782,800</b>
Non-Cognizable Funds and Transfers	0.00	0	9,552,600	0.00	0	9,552,600
<b>FY 2004 Estimated Expenditures</b>	<b>305.32</b>	<b>2,085,000</b>	<b>26,335,400</b>	<b>305.32</b>	<b>2,085,000</b>	<b>26,335,400</b>
Removal of One-Time Expenditures	0.00	0	(9,888,400)	0.00	0	(9,888,400)
<b>FY 2005 Base</b>	<b>305.32</b>	<b>2,085,000</b>	<b>16,447,000</b>	<b>305.32</b>	<b>2,085,000</b>	<b>16,447,000</b>
Personnel Cost Rollups	0.00	0	326,300	0.00	0	326,300
Inflationary Adjustments	0.00	4,100	102,500	0.00	1,700	44,900
Replacement Items	0.00	0	86,700	0.00	0	86,700
Nonstandard Adjustments	0.00	(66,600)	(66,600)	0.00	(66,600)	(66,600)
Annualizations	0.00	0	220,800	0.00	0	220,800
Change in Employee Compensation	0.00	17,100	105,500	0.00	34,600	213,800
Fund Shifts	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0
<b>FY 2005 Program Maintenance</b>	<b>305.32</b>	<b>2,039,600</b>	<b>17,222,200</b>	<b>305.32</b>	<b>2,054,700</b>	<b>17,272,900</b>
1. Staff IT Development	0.00	0	20,200	0.00	0	20,200
2. Additional Capital Outlay	0.00	0	19,500	0.00	0	19,500
Lump Sum or Other Adjustments	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0
<b>FY 2005 Total</b>	<b>305.32</b>	<b>2,039,600</b>	<b>17,261,900</b>	<b>305.32</b>	<b>2,054,700</b>	<b>17,312,600</b>
Change from Original Appropriation	0.00	(45,400)	479,100	0.00	(30,300)	529,800
% Change from Original Appropriation		(2.2%)	2.9%		(1.5%)	3.2%

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Budget by Decision Unit	FTP	General	Dedicated	Federal	Total
<b>FY 2004 Original Appropriation</b>	305.32	2,085,000	9,733,200	4,964,600	16,782,800

## Non-Cognizable Funds and Transfers

Reflects \$1,690,600 in non-cognizable funds from the federal State Home Construction program to assist with the remodel of the Idaho State Veterans Home secured care unit in Boise, and \$7,862,000 from the federal State Veterans Cemetery program to cover the construction costs of the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery. The federal State Home program is a 65% match to the state's 35% match, while the National Cemetery Administration program is 100% federally funded. These projects are overseen by the Division of Public Works (DPW), and the funds flow through the Division of Veterans Services to DPW.

Agency Request	0.00	0	0	9,552,600	9,552,600
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	0	9,552,600	9,552,600

<b>FY 2004 Estimated Expenditures</b>					
Agency Request	305.32	2,085,000	9,733,200	14,517,200	26,335,400
Governor's Recommendation	305.32	2,085,000	9,733,200	14,517,200	26,335,400

## Removal of One-Time Expenditures

Removes \$9,552,600 in non-cognizable federal grants, \$185,800 in one-time capital outlay, and \$150,000 in operating expenditures used for an integrated clinical/financial software program.

Agency Request	0.00	0	0	(9,888,400)	(9,888,400)
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	0	(9,888,400)	(9,888,400)

<b>FY 2005 Base</b>					
Agency Request	305.32	2,085,000	9,733,200	4,628,800	16,447,000
Governor's Recommendation	305.32	2,085,000	9,733,200	4,628,800	16,447,000

## Personnel Cost Rollups

Includes the employer-paid portion of estimated changes in employee benefit costs. The two biggest factors are: health insurance rates which are projected to increase by 17 percent, from \$5,548 to \$6,493 per employee; and retirement system (PERSI) rates that will increase by over 6% to 10.39 and 10.73 percent of salary for regular and police/firefighter members, respectively.

Agency Request	0.00	0	95,300	231,000	326,300
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	95,300	231,000	326,300

## Inflationary Adjustments

Includes \$57,600 (\$2,400 General Fund) to cover a general inflationary increase of 1.9%, and \$44,900 (\$1,700 General Fund) to cover a medical inflationary increase of 3.5%.

Agency Request	0.00	4,100	97,500	900	102,500
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*The Governor recommends no increase for general inflation, and a 3.5% increase for medical inflation.*

Governor's Recommendation	0.00	1,700	43,000	200	44,900
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## Replacement Items

Reflects funding for replacement of computer equipment, vehicle replacement, manual lifts, and steam table.

Agency Request	0.00	0	86,700	0	86,700
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	86,700	0	86,700

## Nonstandard Adjustments

Includes a reduction of \$57,900 in Attorney General fees; a reduction of \$6,300 in decreased insurance costs; a reduction of \$7,700 in State Controller fees; and an increase of \$5,300 in State Treasurer fees.

Agency Request	0.00	(66,600)	0	0	(66,600)
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	(66,600)	0	0	(66,600)

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<b>Annualizations</b>					
Annualizes costs associated with the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery, scheduled to open on July 4, 2004. It is anticipated that receipts will cover the additional funding needs. Last session, the legislature appropriated \$127,700 from the General Fund and authorized seven additional positions for this purpose.					
Agency Request	0.00	0	220,800	0	220,800
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	220,800	0	220,800
<b>Change in Employee Compensation</b>					
Reflects the cost of a 1% salary increase for permanent and group positions.					
Agency Request	0.00	17,100	49,400	39,000	105,500
<i>The Governor recommends a compensation increase of 2% to be distributed based on merit. No adjustment to the pay line is recommended.</i>					
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	34,600	100,000	79,200	213,800
<b>Fund Shifts</b>					
A fund shift is requested to cover a shortfall in endowment earnings and federal funds. It is anticipated that receipt collections will be sufficient enough to cover this shortfall for fiscal year 2005.					
Agency Request	0.00	0	39,600	(39,600)	0
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	38,900	(38,900)	0
<b>FY 2005 Program Maintenance</b>					
Agency Request	305.32	2,039,600	10,322,500	4,860,100	17,222,200
Governor's Recommendation	305.32	2,054,700	10,317,900	4,900,300	17,272,900
<b>1. Staff IT Development</b>					
Funding is requested for information technology staff development and training in order to maintain and operate the Division's computer systems efficiently and to address computer support needs.					
Agency Request	0.00	0	20,200	0	20,200
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	20,200	0	20,200
<b>2. Additional Capital Outlay</b>					
Includes \$18,000 for a Fluke Optiview Network Management Tool and Reporter, and \$1,500 for a managed switch that will enable the Division to continue providing quality care and services to Idaho's veterans.					
Agency Request	0.00	0	19,500	0	19,500
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	19,500	0	19,500
<b>Lump Sum or Other Adjustments</b>					
A lump sum appropriation is requested to meet Medicaid and Veterans Affairs mandatory requirements, which includes such items as meeting staffing to resident ratios. Thus, the Division of Veterans Services, believes it necessary to have the flexibility to obtain resources wherever available to remain in compliance.					
Agency Request	0.00	0	0	0	0
<i>Recommended by the Governor.</i>					
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	0	0	0
<b>FY 2005 Total</b>					
Agency Request	305.32	2,039,600	10,362,200	4,860,100	17,261,900
Governor's Recommendation	305.32	2,054,700	10,357,600	4,900,300	17,312,600

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Agency Request					
Change from Original App	0.00	(45,400)	629,000	(104,500)	479,100
% Change from Original App	0.0%	(2.2%)	6.5%	(2.1%)	2.9%
Governor's Recommendation					
Change from Original App	0.00	(30,300)	624,400	(64,300)	529,800
% Change from Original App	0.0%	(1.5%)	6.4%	(1.3%)	3.2%

# Division of Veterans Services Issues & Information

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## Strategic Planning Act Performance Measures

Selected Measures	FY 2002 Act	FY 2003 Act	FY 2004 Est	FY 2005 Est
1. % of veterans receiving benefits	31%	31%	32%	32%
2. % of residents returning surveys indicating satisfaction with services	99%	90%	99%	99%
3. % of families returning surveys indicating satisfaction with services	99%	90%	99%	99%
4. Number of new volunteers	63	423	400	414
5. Number of annual volunteer hours	68,552	62,169	62,000	62,150
6. Number of hours of temporary staff	6,760	3,862	3,800	3,800
7. % of occupied beds in facilities	84%	92%	89%	90%

## Organizational Chart

